

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/829,863

Examiner

Cam Y T. Truong

Applicant(s)

MINDRUM, G. SCOTT

Art Unit

2162

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 21-26, 28-39, 41-43.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.


Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 9/15/03, 11/26/04 & 5/13/05
4. ☒ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


Cam Y Truong
Primary Examiner
Art Unit: 2162

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 21-26 and 28-43 are pending in this Office Action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Andrew B. Ulmer, Registration No. 57,003 on 10/30/2006.

In the claims:

Please replace claims 21, 36 and 43 with amended claims 21, 36 and 43.

Please cancel claim 40.

21. (Currently amended) A registry system for deceased persons, the registry system comprising: a computer;

a concrete memorial for a deceased person, the concrete memorial comprising discernable information including a name of the deceased person;

an on-line registry service accessible over the Internet, the on-line registry service comprising one or more web pages having information related to the deceased person;

an identifier on or near the concrete memorial for the deceased person, the identifier indicating to people visiting the concrete memorial that the information related to the deceased person is available on the on-line registry service, wherein the identifier is different from the name of the deceased person.

36. (Currently amended) A method for memorializing a deceased person, the deceased person having a physical memorial comprising at least a deceased person's name, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a subscription for an on-line registry service with a subscriber, the subscription being associated with the deceased person;

visually indicating with an identifier, on or near the physical memorial for the deceased person, that the on-line registry service is associated with the deceased person, wherein the identifier is different from the deceased person's name;

providing by subscriber information relating to the deceased person;

storing the information relating to the deceased person on a computer system;

providing to one or more visitors access over the Internet to the on-line registry service;

retrieving the stored information relating to the deceased person; and displaying to the visitor or subscriber on one or more web pages at least a portion of the information relating to the deceased person.

Art Unit: 2162

43. (Currently amended) A registry system for deceased persons, the registry system comprising: a computer;

a concrete memorial for a deceased person, the concrete memorial comprising discernable information including a name of the deceased person, wherein the concrete memorial is positioned in a cemetery;

an on-line registry service accessible over the Internet, the on-line registry service comprising one or more web pages having images and biographical data related to a plurality of deceased persons,

said plurality of deceased persons including said deceased person, wherein the on-line registry service can be searched based on at least part of the discernable information; and

a seal on or near the concrete memorial for said deceased person, the seal indicating to people visiting the concrete memorial in the cemetery that biographical data related to said deceased person is available on the on-line registry service, wherein the seal is different from the name of the deceased person.

.Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 21-26, 28-39, 41-43 are allowed.

As to claim 21, none of the prior art of record teach, wherein an identifier on or near the concrete memorial for the deceased person, the identifier indicating to people visiting the concrete memorial that the information related to the deceased person is available on the on-line registry service, wherein the identifier is different from the name of the deceased person.

As to claim 36, none of the prior art of record teach visually indicating with an identifier, on or near the physical memorial for the deceased person, that the on-line registry service is associated with the deceased person, wherein the identifier is different from the deceased person's name;

As to claim 43, none of the prior art of record teach a seal on or near the concrete memorial for said deceased person, the seal indicating to people visiting the concrete memorial in the cemetery that biographical data related to said deceased person is available on the on-line registry service, wherein the seal is different from the name of the deceased person.


The dependent claims, bring definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cam Y T Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-4042 . The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 272-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Cam-Y Truong
Art Unit 2162
12/8/2005